

BOOK NOTICES

Renewal in the Pulpit, edited by E. A. Steimle. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1966. 190 pages. \$3.00 (paperback).

Twenty-two sermons by sixteen younger preachers. Themes relate to "The World in an Uproar," "The Private World of Life and Death," and "The Hard, Knotty Problems of the Faith." The editor, in the introduction, points out why these sermons are indicative of renewal in the pulpit.

Light From the Ancient East, by Adolf Deissmann. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1965. 535 pages. \$7.95 (Baker reprint).

Extensive archaeological finds made late in the nineteenth century furnish insights into oriental thinking, customs, and life. Enlightening discussions of the principles of philology as they apply to the New Testament.

Treasury of Thought, by Dagobert D. Runes. New York: Philosophical Library, 1966. 394 pages. \$6.00.

Brief entries of personal observations on life and death, civilization and savagery, the universe and beyond, from the pen of one who has authored more than thirty books in the field of philosophy and social history. Thought provoking and often quotable, if not always "orthodox."

The Return of the Lord Jesus, by R. A. Torrey. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1966. 142 pages. \$2.50 (Baker reprint).

A readable and inspiring account that explores the several facets of the "blessed hope."

The Plight of Man and the Power of God, by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans (Glasgow: Pickering and Ingles), n.d. 93 pages. \$2.50.

Logical, eloquent, powerful messages calling the Church back to the faith of our fathers. Those for whom the Cross has become nothing more than a manifestation of God's love must read the author's fourth lecture, "The Wrath of God."

The Child's Story Bible, by Catherine F. Vos (revised by M. C. Vos Radius). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1966. 435 pages. \$6.50.

A new edition of a widely used book, revised to accord with the language of today's children. The art work throughout—informed by recent archaeological findings—is dramatic, colorful, unconventional.

The Greatest of These Is Love, by A. A. Van Ruler. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1966. 111 pages. \$1.65 (paperback).

An illuminating essay on Paul's classic hymn of love by the Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the University of Utrecht.

By the River of No Return, by Don Ian Smith. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1967. 111 pages. \$2.50.

These reflections on life, death, hope, frustration, and wonder, against the background of the writer's home among the mountains of central Idaho, show an approach to life unsullied by the pressures of civilization. Smith's "meditations from the high country" will raise the spiritual sight of men cruising in a world of low visibility.

Christ's Ambassadors, by Frank Colquhoun. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1965. 93 pages. \$1.65 (paperback).

This treatise is one of a series entitled *Christian Foundations*, designed to affirm for laymen the fundamental elements of Christian faith. The writer pleads that the preaching of the Word be given its due place in the life and witness of the Church over and against the sacramental ministry, since the sacraments have no significance apart from the Word. A much-needed emphasis on the priority of preaching in the work of the Christian ministry.

The Shock of Revelation, by Alexander Stewart. New York: Seabury Press, 1967. 152 pages. \$3.95.

An Anglican rector preaches twenty-one brief sermons in the contemporary idiom, addressed to twentieth century man. His approach is direct, confronting us with the shock of the Gospel till all our rationalizations are unseated, all our resentments dissipated. Here is life-centered preaching, biblically based, rich in dramatic examples from the Bible and everyday life, the style crisp, clear, and cogent.